

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

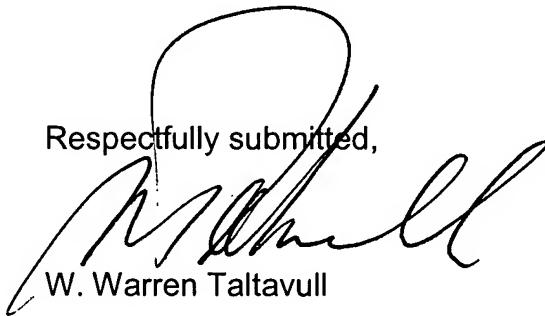
The specification has been amended to both incorporate the proper headings under rule 37 CFR 1.97 and to correct typographical errors.

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2, 4, 10 and 14 is gratefully acknowledged. Currently amended claim 1 includes the language of allowable claim 2 and each claim, other than claim 14, is dependent on currently amended claim 1 which has been indicated as allowable.

With respect to claim 14, the language of claim 2 has been included in currently amended claim 14 in order to overcome the rejection based on GLOVER (US 6,619,917). In addition, currently amended claims 1 and 14 do not include the limitation of a selectively expandable means.

Entry of this amendment is solicited, is believed appropriate, and is believed to distinguish the invention from the cited references. For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance are believed in order and are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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